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FISHERIES NOTICES FOR GOLDEN PERCH AND MURRAY SPINY FRESHWATER CRAYFISH

Dear Travis.

Thank you for seeking the input of VRFish in relation to the reissue of fisheries notices for golden perch and Murray spiny freshwater crayfish.

The VRFish position, both in relation to the ongoing management and regulation of golden perch and Murray spiny freshwater crayfish, remains unchanged. Specific to golden perch, we are pleased that the Victorian Fisheries Authority has identified a reduction in potential incidents of 'take for sale'.

VRFish continues to support an absolute state-wide possession limit and targeted education to further ameliorate the risk of 'take for sale'.

VRFish believes that it is timely to undertake a comprehensive and holistic review of the regulation of these fisheries as part of the broader review of Victoria's Fisheries Regulations 1998.

Yours sincerely,

Rob Loats

Chair

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